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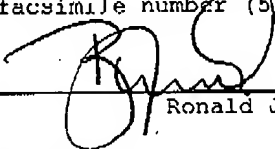
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Applicant : Atsushi FUKUI et al.
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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 19, 2006, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-7 and 9-16.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. XX A petition for an extension of time to respond to the final rejection was filed on February 20 and March 19, 2007, for a total of two months.

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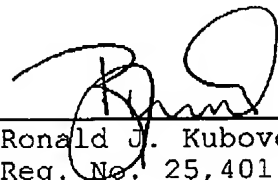
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3. XX Fee \$ 500.00 or Small Entity \$250.00

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